



Special "EARLY BIRD" OFFER

If everyone waited until planting time to place their order for bulbs, it would be impossible to estimate the amount of bulbs we needed of each of the many varieties we list. Therefore, we offer to those who are willing to cooperate **SPECIAL DISCOUNTS** on the total amount of their order, if payment in full accompanies the order.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

10%

on orders received and paid by June 15th.

5%

on orders received and paid between June 15th and July 15th.

**SEND IN YOUR ORDERS
EARLY AND TAKE AD-
VANTAGE OF THESE
CASH SAVINGS!**

C.O.D. SHIPMENTS: We will book your order on receipt of 25% of the total amount of the order. We will ship C.O.D. at planting time for the balance, or will ship the order prepaid if remittance in full is received before shipping date.

**NELIS
NURSERIES**

Inc.

HOLLAND, MICH.

For Beauty and Charm

Our 1957 catalog has been brought up to date on the latest and finest bulb varieties available from both domestic and imported stock. It is impossible to list all the varieties we grow and if you need one or more varieties not listed, please write us, we may have it.

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT WITH EACH ORDER. Kindly follow instructions as given for best results.

FOR OUR CUSTOMERS IN THE DEEP SOUTH: Ask for our special southern planting instructions to be included with your order for locations in Florida, and places bordering the Gulf of Mexico and southern California. All other sections use regular instructions. These new southern instructions will help you to have success with our bulbs, where otherwise you have had failure.

TERMS OF SALE: All stock will be shipped to you at the correct planting time for your climate. Send payment by postal, express or bank money order, or registered mail. Unregistered currency is sent at your own risk. No charge accounts will be accepted unless credit has been established.

All orders over \$5.00 will be prepaid in full if accompanied by remittance. For orders under \$5.00 please enclose 25c for packing and postage charges.

TULIP TIME in HOLLAND MAY 15-19

The blooming period of our Tulips is the month of May. Visitors always welcome. Write us a card and we shall be glad to advise you when most varieties are in bloom.

**Nelis Nurseries, Inc.
Holland, Mich.**

Fall Planting Guide 1957



PRAESTANS FUSILIER

14". Early. Producing 3 to 4 blooms per bulb. **6 for \$1.75; 12 for \$3.25.**

Multi-Flowering Tulip Collection

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 6 each of 3 varieties | 18 BULBS | \$3.75 |
| 12 each of 3 varieties | 36 BULBS | \$7.00 |



DASYSTEMON

6". Early. Each bulb produces 3 to 6 star-like yellow blossoms. Blooms for many years. **6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.25.**



BIFLORA ALTA

10". Midseason bloomer. Most prolific bloomer of them all, producing up to 10 flowers from a single bulb. **6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75.**

NELIS Nurseries, Inc.
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Here is a Novel
Nelis Specialty!

Mixed
REMBRANDT TULIPS

Rembrandt Tulips are striped and feathered Darwin Tulips, with stripes or flakes of white, lavender, red, yellow, or other hues, as their colors. They blend in perfect harmony at all times. They are especially nice when used for cut flowers. The mixture we supply is our own, and we are proud to offer it. Contains all colors, all striped, and is offered as such only.

\$1.75 per doz.; \$3.35 per 25; \$12.00 per 100.



Rembrandt Tulips

Nelis **FAMOUS RAINBOW COLLECTION**

This Special Offer Available in 2 Desirable Sizes

BLOOMING SIZE BULBS

3 3/4 inches in circumference

| | | |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| 50 for ... | \$3.50 | 250 for \$16.50 |
| 100 for ... | 6.50 | 1000 for 60.00 |

TOP SIZE BULBS

4 to 5 inches in circumference

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| 25 for | \$3.00 | 100 for | \$ 9.50 |
| 50 for | 5.25 | 250 for | 23.00 |

— OVER 300 VARIETIES
in This Mixture — Every
Bulb GUARANTEED
Large Enough to Flower
the First Year!



The
Tulip
is
Queen
of May

← "Springtime"

... as gay as Spring itself,
about 24 inches tall. The
center of the petals are
creamy white, bordered
cherry-rose.

3 for 60¢

12 for \$1.75

100 for \$12.50

GREETINGS-

from the City of Tulips

Tulip Time in Holland

Every Year in May

1957 Festival May 15-19

*Visitors Welcome
Anytime!*

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Nelis

New
**SUPER GIANT
RED**

SCARLETT O'HARA

30''. In our opinion the finest red, with outstanding qualifications deserving of this special display in our catalog.

**6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50;
100 for \$18.00**



Magtel Posthumus

**SCARLETT
O'HARA**

**6 for \$1.50
12 for 2.50
100 for 18.00**

New **MAGTEL POSTHUMUS**

Height nearly 30''. A giant fringed Tulip, with fringes nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long. The forerunner of a new race, extremely beautiful. We must limit your order not more nor less than 3 per customer.

3 for \$1.50

**NEW FRINGED TULIPS
FIRST TIME OFFERED**

Extremely limited quantities, sorry only one to a customer.

AMY. Pale lilac.
GIPSY QUEEN. Amber.
MAJA. Lemon-yellow.
MELROSE. Salmon-pink.
SWAN WINGS. Pure white.

**All priced:
\$1.75
Each**

Selected

New

SUPER GIANT YELLOW GOLDDUST

30". A superlative variety of real merit; one of the largest and tallest golden sunflower yellows.

6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50;
100 for \$18.00



Greenland

New Novelty Tulip GREENLAND

Height 26". A spectacular combination of soft rose and green, the first Tulip with this unusual coloring. In units of 3 only.

3 for \$1.50

FORMOSA

18". Striking combination of green and yellow, similar to above. 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.



Golddust

GOLDDUST

6 for \$1.50

12 for 2.50

100 for 18.00

For the

SATISFACTION
ASSURED
With These
Top
Quality
Bulbs!



DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS In Mixture

A mixture identically as pictured, sensational at our Tulip Display, their vivid jewel-tones providing a mass of color. Note the even height of varieties, of about 10 inches.

\$1.75 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100



The Famous

RED EMPEROR

For an early blaze of color in your garden, the earliest of all, blooming with the Peacock Tulips. A giant red now known to practically all Tulip lovers.

6 for \$1.00

12 for \$1.75

\$12.00 per 100

EARLIEST TULIPS in Your Garden

Brilliant
**PEACOCK
TULIPS**
in Mixture

After the frost has left the ground these Peacock Tulips make their appearance, blooming as early as April first at our nurseries. Opening up wide, they show their vari-colored centers in a large variety of designs.

**6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50;
25 for \$4.50**



Peacock Tulips

Early Tulip Garden
COLLECTION
6 Dbl. Early Mixed Tulips
6 Red Emperor
6 Peacock Tulips
6 Flaming Youth
24 Bulbs for \$4.75
(All labeled)

Enjoy These Unusual New Varieties



Spectacular
New! Early Blooming
FLAMING YOUTH

Similar to Red Emperor, slightly shorter and blooms about a week later. Vivid orange-scarlet, with shiny foliage, blooms last over a longer period of time, and are not subject to early frost. We have favored this variety for several years, and recommend it highly.

**6 for \$1.50; \$2.50 per
doz.; \$18.00 per 100**

EXOTIC

Huge Flowers Ruffled and
Fringed on Sturdy Stems
For a Glamorous Garden and
Artistic Arrangements



PINK CHAMPION

15". An early pink and white combination, very large blooms.

PARROT COLLECTION "A"

3 each of 4 pictured on page 8 \$1.95
6 each of 4 pictured on page 8 3.50

PARROT COLLECTION "B"

3 each of 4 pictured on page 9 \$1.95
6 each of 4 pictured on page 9 3.50

ORANGE FAVORITE

22". One of the Parrots which is very fragrant.



BLACK PARROT

24". The darkest in this class.



FARADAY

22". Unusual color combination of pink and green on white.

Prices for Any Variety Pictured
On These Two Pages

3 for . . . \$0.50 25 for \$ 3.25
12 for . . . 1.75 100 for 12.00

PARROTS

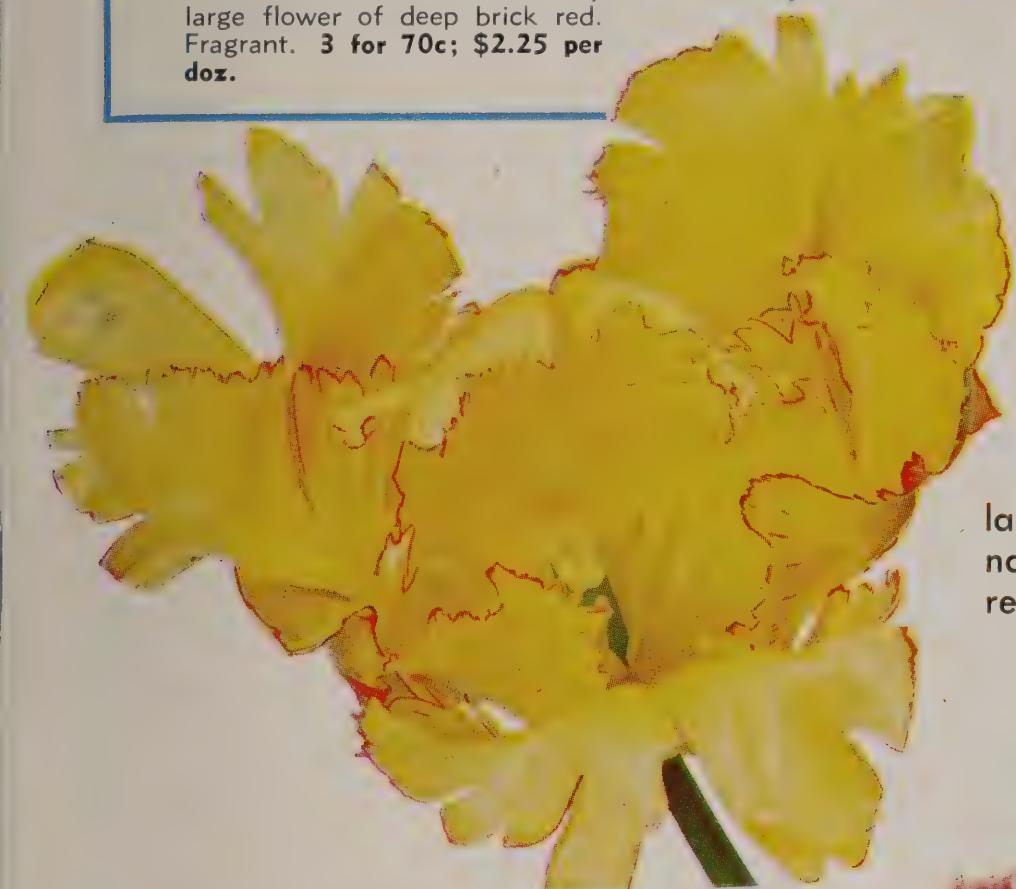
Outstanding Parrot Tulips Not Illustrated

DOORMAN. 22". Wine-red, with golden yellow border. 3 for 60c; \$2.00 per doz.

GADELAN. 22". A giant flowering dark purple. 3 for 60c; \$2.00 per doz.

OPAL QUEEN. 26". A soft blue that stands up well. 3 for 60c; \$2.00 per doz.

PANORAMA PARROT. 25". Very large flower of deep brick red. Fragrant. 3 for 70c; \$2.25 per doz.



BLUE PARROT

25". The nearest approach to blue in a Tulip.



TEXAS GOLD

24". The largest yellow, narrow edge of red on petals.

FIREBIRD

22". A clear vivid scarlet.



FANTASY

22". The best known pink Parrot.

Showy GIANT

**3 for 55¢ 12 for \$1.85
\$12.50 per 100**

For Any Variety Pictured



Other Choice Double Tulips

NOT ILLUSTRATED

Dbl. Fantasy. Double ruffled pink.
3 for 65¢; doz., \$2.15; \$15.00 per 100

Golden Marvel. Best of all yellows.
3 for 65¢; doz., \$2.15; \$15.00 per 100

Mt. Tacoma. All white.
3 for 55¢; doz., \$1.85; \$12.50 per 100

Star of Orange. Soft orange.
3 for 65¢; doz., \$2.15; \$15.00 per 100

Synope. Fine red, white border.
3 for 55¢; doz., \$1.85; \$12.50 per 100

Valona. Immense red, edged rose.
3 for 60¢; doz., \$2.00; \$13.50 per 100

Lilac Perfection



Double TULIPS

Collection of **DOUBLE PEONY TULIPS**

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dbl. Picotee | Ozon |
| Lilac Perfection | Uncle Tom |
| 3 each of 4 (12 bulbs labeled) ... | \$2.00 |
| 6 each of 4 (24 bulbs labeled) ... | 3.75 |

For Any Variety Pictured

3 for 55¢ 12 for \$1.85

\$12.50 per 100



Elegant LILY -

Nelis Offers the

Excitingly Different

You will enjoy these graceful and elegant Tulips with a smart new look. Perfect in the garden and ideal for cut flower arrangements. They outsold all other types at our 1956 Tulip Display.

| | Per 3 | Doz. | Per 100 |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| ALADDIN. 26". Dark maroon-red, narrow white border | \$0.50 | \$1.75 | \$12.00 |
| ALASKA. 24". Exquisite pure yellow ... | .50 | 1.75 | 12.00 |
| BEVERLY. 25". Brilliant orange with white base | .50 | 1.75 | 12.00 |
| BOHEMIAN GIRL. 23". New rosy lavender | 1.00 | 3.25 | |
| EDNA BELSINGER. 26". Blended peach, orange and chartreuse-yellow ... | .55 | 1.80 | |
| GAY HUSSAR. 24". Bright and lovely salmon | .50 | 1.75 | 12.00 |
| LILAC TIME. 27". Lovely deep purple | .50 | 1.75 | 12.00 |
| MARIETTE. 27". Large, deep rose, inside salmon | .50 | 1.75 | 12.00 |
| MAYTIME. 24". Bluish purple, narrow white edge | .60 | 2.00 | |
| MINSTREL. 18". White, broad red-violet edge | 1.05 | 3.50 | |
| OLD GLORY. 24". Glossy scarlet-red, yellow base ... | .75 | 2.50 | |

West Point

New! MAYTIME

24". Bluish purple, narrow white edge. 60c
per 3; doz., \$2.00.

New! QUEEN OF SHEBA

FLOWERED TULIPS

Best and Newest

| | Per 3 | Doz. | Per 100 |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| PAINTED LADY. 24". Golden yellow, narrow red edge | \$0.55 | \$1.75 | |
| QUEEN OF SHEBA. 20". Large orange-red, yellow edge | .75 | 2.50 | |
| ROYAL BABY. 28". Cream, broad edge of rosy red | .75 | 2.50 | |
| WEST POINT. 26". Deep golden yellow | .75 | 2.50 | |
| WHITE TRIUMPHATOR. 24". Pure white | .60 | 2.00 | |

LILY-FLOWERED TULIP COLLECTION

| Aladdin | Alaska | Gay Hussar | Mariette |
|--|--------|---------------|----------|
| 3 each of 4 varieties (12 bulbs, labeled) | | 12 for \$2.00 | |
| 6 each of 4 varieties (24 bulbs, labeled) | | 24 for 3.75 | |
| 12 each of 4 varieties (48 bulbs, labeled) | | 48 for 7.00 | |

Edna Belsinger

BOTANICAL TULIPS FOR PERMANENT PLANTING

These wild Tulips come in lovely odd shapes, many with reflexed petals and curiously twisted and reflexed foliage. They thrive and increase if left in the ground from year to year. Plant them in groups of 6 or 12 in fairly well-drained locations. We list only those which give satisfaction under American growing conditions.

| | Per 6 | Doz. |
|---|--------|------|
| CHRYSANTHA. 8". The smallest species in existence. Rich yellow with rose exterior | \$1.10 | |
| CLUSIANA. (Little Lady Tulip.) 7". Outer petals cherry-red, inner petals white, with deep blue base | 1.00 | 1.95 |
| CORNUTA STENOPETALA. 15". Graciously formed flowers of scarlet and gold, with long, narrow and twisted petals giving an exotic effect | 1.35 | 2.50 |
| EICHLERI. 10". Crimson-scarlet, glittering black center marked with gold. Outshines a great many of our cultivated Tulips | .75 | 1.35 |
| MARJOLETTI. 14". Soft primrose with a carmine-red border | .75 | 1.35 |
| SAXATILIS. 14". Very rare. Lilac flowers, centered yellow | 1.15 | 2.15 |

Eichleri



Saxatilis



BOTANICAL TULIP COLLECTION

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|--|---------------|
| Clusiana | Marjoletti |
| Cornuta Stenopetala | Saxatilis |
| 6 each of 4 varieties (labeled) | 24 for \$4.15 |
| 12 each of 4 varieties (labeled) | 48 for 7.50 |



Cornuta
Stenopetala

Nelis
Popular

5 Color Collection

1 Bacchus
2 Blanca
3 Smiling Queen
4 Allbright
5 Golden Harvest

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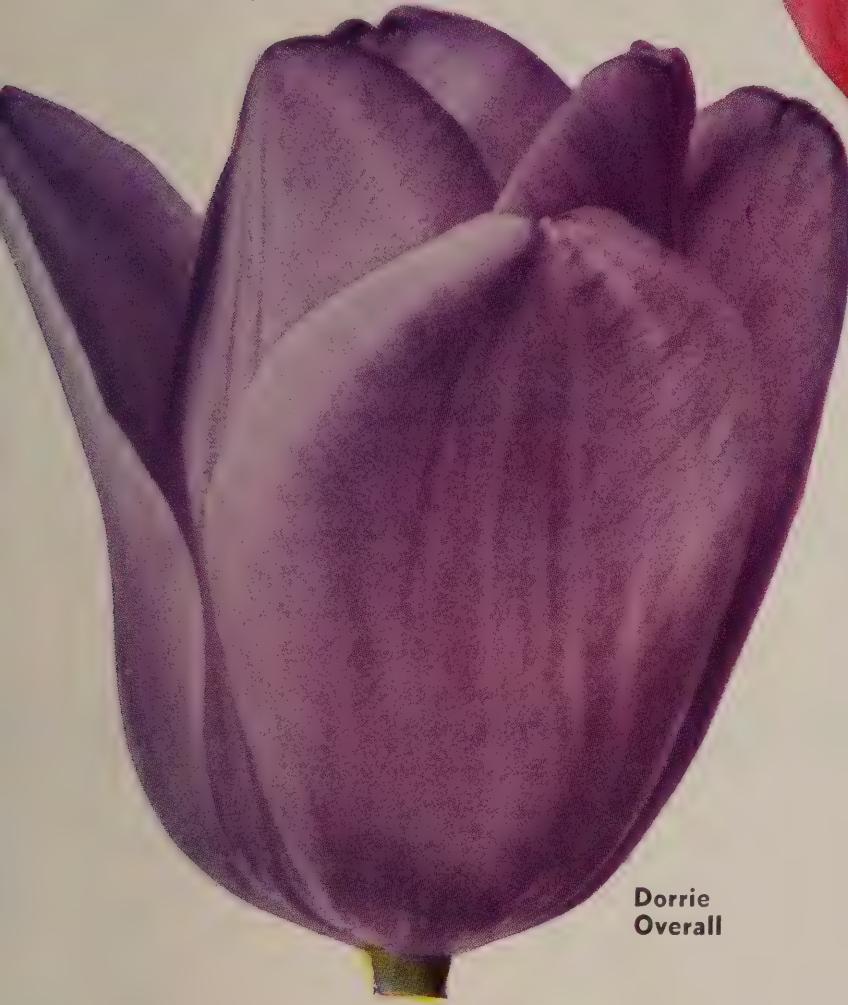
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|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------|
| 6 each of 5 varieties | | (30 bulbs) | \$4.50 |
| 12 each of 5 varieties | | (60 bulbs) | 8.25 |
| 25 each of 5 varieties | | (125 bulbs) | 15.50 |
| 100 each of 5 varieties | | (500 bulbs) | 55.00 |

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GIANT MAY-FLOWERING TULIPS

DORRIE OVERALL 34". Outside deep petunia-purple with lighter edge, inside tinted light blue. 3 for 60c; 12 for \$1.85; 100 for \$12.00.



Dorrie
Overall



Marie
Nicholson

MARIE NICHOLSON 29". Rosy red with a glossy sheen. 3 for 55c; 12 for \$1.80; 100 for \$12.50.

BLACK GIRL 28". The darkest of the "black" Tulips. 3 for 60c; 12 for \$2.00; 100 for \$15.00.



Southern
Cross



Black
Girl



Margeaux

MARGEAUX 30". Wine-red, almost dubonnet. Unusual. 3 for 55c; 12 for \$1.80; 100 for \$12.50.

JESSY 28". Warm chestnut-brown and purple combination. 3 for 55c; 12 for \$1.70; 100 for \$11.50.

Nelis GIANT MAY-FLOWERING TULIPS

| | Per 3 | Doz. | Per 100 | Per 3 | Doz. | Per 100 |
|--|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| ALLBRIGHT 24". Intense scarlet | \$0.55 | \$1.70 | \$11.50 | | | |
| BACCHUS 32". Dark plum color, large egg-shaped flower | .55 | 1.70 | 11.50 | | | |
| BELLE JAUNE 27". The finest and strongest dark yellow Tulip. Enormous size and perfect form | .55 | 1.65 | 11.00 | | | |
| BLANCA 28". Lovely strong all-white | .55 | 1.70 | 11.50 | | | |
| CROWNING GLORY 24". Golden yellow, clearly defined scarlet-red edge. | .45 | 1.50 | 10.00 | | | |
| GOLDEN HARVEST 29". Tall, deep lemon-yellow | | | | \$0.45 | \$1.50 | \$10.00 |
| GRENADIER 21". Dazzling vermillion-orange. Early | | | | .55 | 1.70 | 11.50 |
| MARSHAL HAIG 27". Brilliant crimson, yellow base | | | | .60 | 1.85 | 12.00 |
| MRS. J. T. SCHEEPERS 24". Large bright yellow | | | | .55 | 1.80 | 12.50 |
| SMILING QUEEN 32". Rose-pink. | | | | .55 | 1.80 | 12.50 |



Mt. Erebus

MT. EREBUS 29". Pure white, with white stamens. 3 for 55c; 12 for \$1.80; 100 for \$12.50.

MAGICIAN 30". White, with a purple edge. 3 for 60c; 12 for \$1.85; 100 for \$12.00.

TWO-TONE COLLECTION

| American Flag | Crowning Glory | Magician | Montgomery |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 3 each of 4 varieties labeled | | (12 bulbs) | \$2.15 |
| 6 each of 4 varieties labeled | | (24 bulbs) | 3.85 |
| 12 each of 4 varieties labeled | | (48 bulbs) | 7.00 |

AMERICAN FLAG

26". Dark red with broad white lines, blue base. 3 for 55c; 12 for \$1.70; 100 for \$11.50.



Sky Above \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00

Clover Pink \$3.00 each; 3 for \$8.50



America's Favorite

Each year we try to list the newest and best of the outstanding Garden Iris, hardy in our severe Michigan climate.

OUTSTANDING IRIS NOT ILLUSTRATED

CHANTILLY. Orchid-pink with lace-like edge on both standards and falls. Appropriately named after the famous Chantilly lace. The blossoms have unusually heavy substance. **\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75.**

DAZZELIER. Exceptional in beauty and strength, the large golden flowers are overlaid with bright orange. **\$2.50 each; 3 for \$7.00.**

FIRECRACKER. A glowing, dark burgundy-red pli-cata with rich yellow ground color. One of the most colorful Iris. **\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75.**

MELODY LANE. A really new color. Glistening golden buff-apricot, slightly ruffled, enhanced by a deep tangerine beard. **\$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.50.**

MINNIE COLQUITT. A lovely, massive pure white plicata with a broad purple border on standards and falls. Winner of 2 awards. **\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.**

NEW HOPE. A tall, crisp, ruffled flower with white ground color and a beautiful violet-blue border. Vigorous and free blooming. **\$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.**

RAINBOW ROOM. As colorful as the name. Light buff ground color, shaded with apricot-buff. Rich blue haze on the falls under the golden beard. The flower fairly glows, appearing to be lighted from within. **\$2.50 each; 3 for \$7.00.**

RASPBERRY PINK. An outstanding blend of deep rosy pink, only one of its color. **\$3.00 each; 3 for \$8.50.**

SANDALWOOD. Large flowers with buff-brown standards and light brown falls. Unusual. **75c each; 3 for \$2.00.**

TRANQUILITY. A milk-white which has all the elegance and beauty it is possible for an Iris to possess. Great size, perfect form, and aristocratic bearing. **\$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.**

Honor Bright \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00



GARDEN IRIS

5 GARDEN IRIS COLLECTION

Honor Bright
Ranger

Sable
Sky Above

Plus Tranquility. Largest pure white.

\$6.50 Value for Only **\$4.95**

Outstanding Mixture of All Colors
50 for \$13.00
100 for \$25.00
F.O.B. Holland, Mich.

BARGAIN IRIS COLLECTION

A spectacular assortment of some of the loveliest Iris, for which we have no room for individual listing on this page.

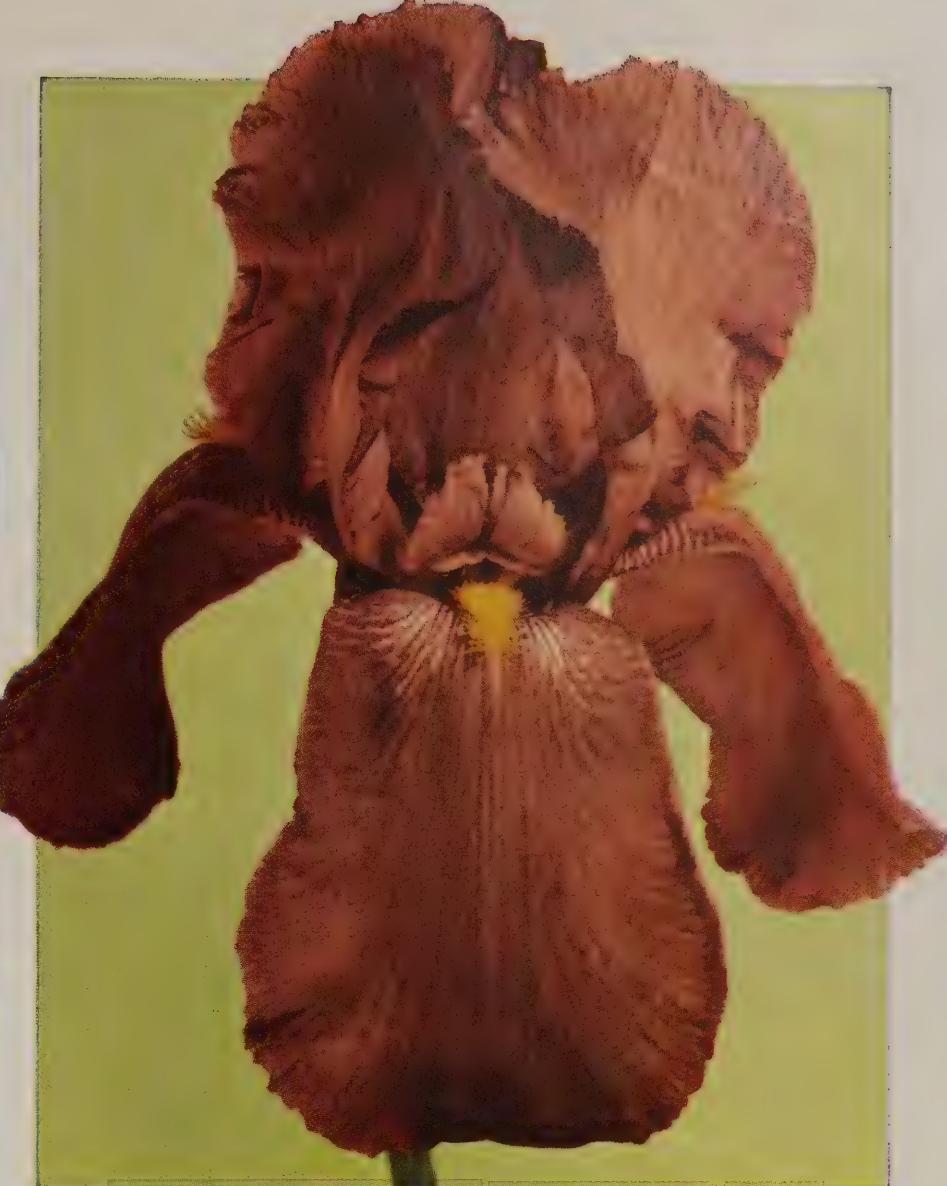
1 each of 5 different varieties (not labeled)

5 for \$1.90

1 each of 10 different varieties (not labeled)

10 for \$3.50

Sable 75c each; 3 for \$2.00



Al Borak \$4.00 each; 3 for \$11.50

Ranger 75c each; 3 for \$2.00



NARCISSUS

Daffodil Code

E—early M—medium
ME—medium early ML—medium late
L—late

Per 3 Doz.

ACTAEA (*Poeticus*). Pure white perianth, cup yellow, edged red. M. \$0.55 \$1.55

BEERSHEBA (*Trumpet*). Pure white, rated at the top of the large white trumpets. ME. . 1.00 3.25

CHEERFULNESS (*Double Poetaz*). Called the "Gardenia Daffodil." Creamy white. L.50 1.55

DICK WELLBAND (*Short-cupped*). White, with a brilliant flame-orange cup. M.70 2.30

DOUBLE JONQUIL True old-fashioned sweet Jonquil, rich yellow; very fragrant60 2.00

General MacArthur

Mrs. R. O. Backhouse

Red Marley

or DAFFODILS

Per 3 Doz.

FRA ANGELICO (Short-cupped).

Light yellow perianth, flaring and ruffled cup of flame-red. ME. \$0.75 \$2.50

GEN. MacARTHUR (Trumpet).

Largest and finest yellow. L. 1.00 3.25

GERANIUM (Poetaz). Bunch-flow-

ering white, red centers. L.60 2.00



Triandrus Tresemble

Cheerfulness



Golden Castle

"VARIETY" NARCISSUS COLLECTION

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Cheerfulness | Insulinde |
| Dick Wellband | King Alfred |
| 3 each of 4 varieties (12 bulbs, labeled) | \$2.50 |
| 6 each of 4 varieties (24 bulbs, labeled) | 4.50 |
| 12 each of 4 varieties (48 bulbs, labeled) | 8.50 |

Dick Wellband



New and Unusual

Per 3 Doz.



Ola Leavitt



Luna

L'Argentine



GOLDEN CASTLE (Double Trumpet). New type, golden yellow.
75c each. \$1.50 \$5.50

IMPERATOR (Trumpet). Fine creamy white. L.90 3.00

INSULINDE (Double). Cream-yellow and red. M.85 2.75

JULES VERNE (Long - cupped). White with soft yellow cup 1.15 3.75

KING ALFRED (Trumpet). All golden yellow. E.65 2.15

L'ARGENTINE (Short - cupped). White, ruffled white and yellow striped cup. M. 1.00 3.25

LUNA (Jonquil). Multi-flowering lemon-yellow. ME.60 2.00

TULIPS

Their Culture and Care

By Harry Nelis

Second printing of this fascinating booklet relating the history of this colorful flower, plus interesting and informative facts regarding their culture and care.

Price 25c

Jules Verne



Narcissus or Daffodils

(Continued)



Robin Hood

Per 3 Doz.

MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE

(Long-cupped). Ivory-white, pink trumpet. L. \$0.75 \$2.50

OLA LEAVITT

(Short - cupped). White perianth, deep orange cup. ML. .60 2.00

Papillon Blanche



Beersheba

Per 3 Doz.

PAPILLON BLANCHE

(Short-cupped). Scarce, white with cup white, tipped yellow. M. \$0.65 \$2.25

RED MARLEY

Yellow perianth, vivid red cup. New. M. 1.20 4.00



King Alfred

NARCISSUS or DAFFODILS

(Continued)



Insulinde



Geranium



Double Jonquil

**Yellow
Cheerfulness**



| | Per 3 Doz. |
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| ROBINHOOD (Trumpet). Golden yellow, with orange-yellow trumpet. ME. | \$0.70 \$2.25 |
| SELMA LAGERLOF (Short-cupped). Very prolific bloomer, pure white, large orange cup. ME. | .65 2.25 |
| TRIANDRUS TRESEMBLE Large, multi-flowering white. L. | .90 3.00 |
| YELLOW CHEERFULNESS (Double Poetaz). Golden yellow cluster-flowering double. L. | .65 2.15 |

GRAPE HYACINTHS

(*Muscari*)

Top size bulbs. Ideal for naturalizing and cut flowers.

HEAVENLY BLUE 65c per doz.; \$4.50 per 100.

AZUREUM ALBUM White, new improved variety. 85c per doz.; \$6.50 per 100.

Blue Grape Hyacinths for Naturalizing

Slightly smaller bulbs than listed above. Especially effective planted with Daffodils.

**50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$3.75;
250 for \$8.50**



Muscari Azureum Album

Nelis Super Quality **DAFFODIL MIXTURE**

An insuperable mixture of the widest possible range of color and types, the newest hybrids and the best of the high quality, standard named varieties. All large, mature bulbs, which will give you a wealth of bloom.

**25 for . . \$3.50 100 for \$12.00
50 for . . 6.50 250 for 29.00**

SCILLA SIBIRICA

(Spring Beauty)

Blue. 4 inches. Dainty little blue flowers invaluable for edging borders, or massed in flower beds. Hardy and very satisfactory.

**85c per doz.;
\$6.50 per 100**



DAFFODILS for NATURALIZING

SUITABLE FOR GARDEN DISPLAY, WOODLAND PLANTING or CUTTING

All blooming size bulbs, they are grown equally well in the open as among trees and in woodland. Contains a mixture of large Trumpets, Short-capped and Poeticus types, unequalled for value. Plant at least 8 inches deep, where drainage is good. Order early.

**50 for . . \$3.75 250 for \$16.90
100 for . . 7.00 1000 for 65.00**



Iris Bucharica

IRIS BUCHARICA

First seen by Mr. Harry Nelis at the Flower Show at Keukenhof, Netherlands. A species Iris which blooms at the same time as Darwin type Tulips. This unique bulbous Iris reaches a height of 18 to 22 inches, producing several flowers of yellow and white combination. Picture was taken at our Tulip Display in Holland, Michigan. Shipped for planting during the fall months.

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.50

Autumn Flowering Iris Collection

6¹ each of 6 (Unlabeled) \$2.35 18³ each of 6 (Unlabeled) \$6.25

36⁶ each of 6 (Unlabeled) \$11.75

SOUND MONEY 24 in. Golden yellow fall bloomer. Produces several flowers per plant.

WHITE AUTUMN KING 30 in. Beautiful silvery white, a rapid multiplier.

Each 45¢ \$4.50 Per Dozen



DWARF IRIS

These beautiful little Iris do not grow over 4 inches high, and bloom in April and May. They are fine for bordering flower beds, or planting in the rock garden. Many will bloom again in the fall. Mixed colors only.

\$2.60 per doz. \$19.00 per 100



Dutch Iris

ENGLISH IRIS

(Bulbous)

This magnificent mixture of bulbous Iris has been developed at our nurseries, and contains all the choicest varieties which can possibly be had. They bloom in our latitude about the early part of July, and come after all other bulbous Iris. They should be planted as soon after receiving them as possible for best results. They prefer the more moist and heavier soils, and should have good drainage. The blooms of the English Iris are considered to be the finest of any in the Iris class, and each individual bloom is strikingly beautiful. As cut flowers they are unsurpassed. We are offering them in a fine mixture of colors.

\$1.65 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100

IRIS RETICULATA

(Bulbous)

This lovely species is one of the treasures of the garden or rock garden. It can be described as a small form of the Dutch Iris, or Spanish Iris. Its main value lies in the fact that it can be forced into bloom in the house with the greatest ease. Six or eight bulbs put into a 4- or 5-inch pot when received, will bloom about Christmas time. The fragrant blooms remind one of a bunch of fresh Violets. Perfectly hardy with reasonable protection. It is one of the loveliest early flowering bulbs for the rockery.

**\$1.00 per doz.;
\$7.25 per 100.**

DUTCH IRIS

(Bulbous)

A new and early flowering race coming into bloom just after the Tulips are gone. The flowers are large, resembling Orchids, and are distinctive and brilliant in color. Flowers are of heavy texture and when cut have wonderful keeping qualities. Bulbs should be planted in the fall, 5 inches deep, in well drained soil, with light protection after freezing weather sets in. Offered at new low prices.

| | Doz. | 100 |
|---|--------|--------|
| Imperator. 28 in. Rich dark blue . . | \$1.00 | \$7.00 |
| Lemon Queen. 28 in. Lovely yellow. 1.00 | | 7.00 |
| Mauve Queen. 28 in. Delicate mauve. 1.00 | | 7.00 |
| Wedgewood. 28 in. Light blue . . . | 1.00 | 7.00 |
| Mixed Colors | .80 | 6.00 |

SHILKA IRIS →

(Vesper Iris)

The graceful filigree of the branches of these Vesper Iris is studded with from one to two hundred jewel-like flowers, truly a mammoth bouquet. The delicately colored blossoms, which at a distance resemble a multitude of gorgeous butterflies at rest with motionless outstretched wings, vary in color, including such hues as translucent lavender with markings of mahogany, lemon, copper and orange-brown. The Shilka Iris, which are exceedingly easy to grow, bloom for a month during July and August when flowers are scarce. Vesper Iris resist both severe cold and intense heat with impunity. Be the first in your locality to grow this unique Iris.

**\$1.95 per 5;
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Shilka Iris

English Iris





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Orange

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\$11.00**

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Striped
**\$4.50 each; 3 for
\$12.50**

Rose

Bulbs measure 26-28 cm. in circumference (appr. 10 inches).

Paper-White Daffodils



PAPER WHITE DAFFODILS - Imported from France

The French-grown Paper-whites are of first rate quality and ideal for indoor planting in pots, sand, gravel or fiber. Plant different lots every two weeks from Oct. 1st to March 1st, and these bulbs will give you an abundance of beautiful, fragrant flowers during the winter months. Not suitable for outdoor planting, except south of the Carolinas. We offer only jumbo or exhibition size bulbs.

\$1.75 per doz.; \$12.50 per 100



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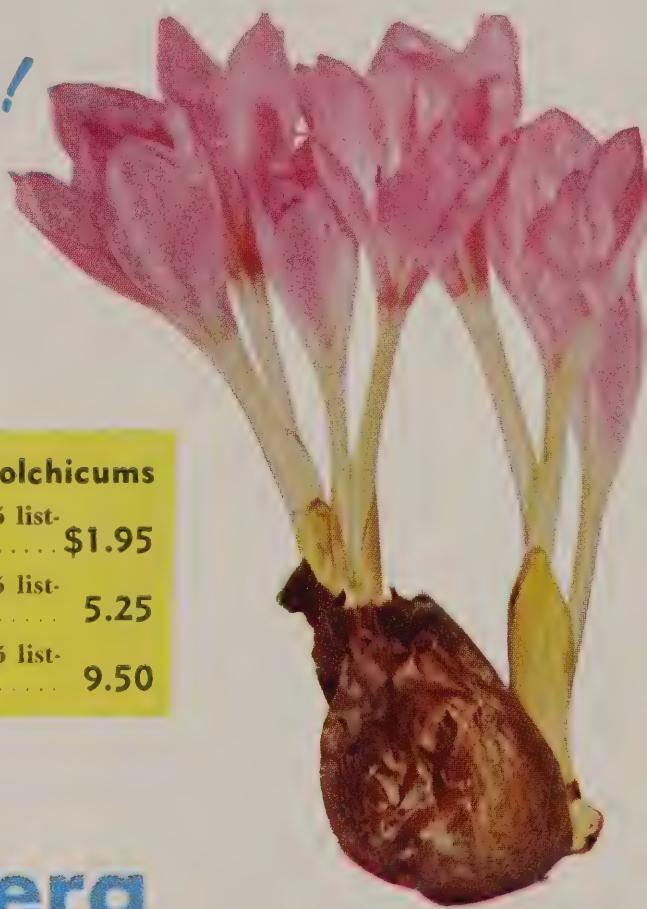
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Collection of Colchicums

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| 5 bulbs, 1 each of 5 list- ed, (unlabeled) | \$1.95 |
| 15 bulbs, 3 each of 5 list- ed, (labeled) | 5.25 |
| 30 bulbs, 6 each of 5 list- ed, (labeled)) | 9.50 |



LYCORIS Squamigera

Resurrection Lily

(Hardy Amaryllis Halli)

Produces attractive green foliage which grows from early spring until July, when it ripens and disappears. About a month later, as if by magic, the flower stalk springs from the ground to a height of 2 to 3 feet, developing an umbel of large Lily-shaped flowers, 8 to 12 in number, of a delicate lilac-pink shade. The bulb is perfectly hardy. In planting, cover crown with about 4 inches of soil.

**Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00;
\$6.75 per doz.**





Hardy
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Blanda



Leucojum Aestivum



Scilla Campanulata

NEW HARDY ANEMONE

(*Blanda Atrocoerulea*)

Height 3 in. Rich violet-blue flowers appear in large quantity in early spring, just after the Snowdrops have bloomed. The flowers are carried in rich abundance above fern-like foliage. Perfectly hardy and willing to bloom well in light shade, they make a wonderful show under shrubs, in rock gardens, or in naturalized masses under trees. Always plant in clumps (preferably a dozen bulbs) for best effect. Set 3 inches deep and 4 inches apart.

**\$1.15 per doz.; \$2.25 per
25; \$9.00 per 100**

CHIONODOXA

(Glory-of-the-Snow)

These lovely, earliest of spring flowers of deep blue with a white center, attain a height of 7 inches and produce spikes bearing 10 to 15 Scilla-like flowers. Perfectly hardy. Plant close together for best effect.

50c per doz.; \$3.50 per 100

LEUCOJUM AESTIVUM

(Giant Snowflake)

An early and most attractive spring flower, bearing nodding flowers of white tipped with green. Grows around 10 to 12 inches high. They should be planted in early fall in good, well drained soil, 4 inches deep. Especially effective if planted in clumps, 4 to 5 inches apart. After they become well established they bloom more beautifully each year.

\$1.85 per doz.; \$13.50 per 100

FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS

Dwarf spring-flowering plants bearing large bell-shaped flowers of various colors: yellow, white, black, purple, striped and splashed. They are invaluable for pot culture and when grown in large groups in the garden. They require a dry situation. Height 10 inches.

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NEW GIANT SCILLA CAMPANULATA

These graceful new Scillas far surpass the old types. Ideal for cut flowers with their long stems, as well as for naturalizing. Thrive in full sun, partial shade or full shade. Bloom with the late Tulips, when all other Hyacinth-types are through blooming.

**Heavenly Blue. Blue. 85c
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**Rhineland. Rose-pink. 85c
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**Mixed. All colors. 80c per
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**95c per doz.; \$7.00 per
100**



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Aristocratic Hardy GARDEN LILIES

LILIUM CANDIDUM (Madonna Lily). Also known by many as "June Lilies." It is the earliest outdoor garden Lily. You have often admired it with its rich perfume and snow-white flowers, 3 to 15 on a stem. It is very hardy and will thrive in any light garden soil, with plenty of light and air. **60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.50 per doz.**

CROFT LILIES. This new domestically grown Lily is perfectly hardy. Of purest white, it grows to a height of 2 to 2½ feet, blooming during July and August. **60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.**

LILIUM HENRYI. A vigorous Lily, reaching a maximum height of 6 feet. Flowers of deep orange-yellow, averaging 20 blossoms per plant. Easy growing in either heavy or light soil. **3 for \$1.35; \$4.50 per doz.**

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Croft Lilies



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| White | 60c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100 |
| Purple | 60c per doz.; 4.00 per 100 |
| Yellow | 60c per doz.; 4.00 per 100 |
| Striped | 60c per doz.; 4.00 per 100 |

DUTCH CROCUS COLLECTION

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| 12 each of 4 colors (48 bulbs, labeled) | \$ 2.35 |
| White, Yellow, Purple, Striped..... | |
| 25 each of 4 colors (100 bulbs, labeled) | 4.60 |
| White, Yellow, Purple, Striped..... | |
| 100 each of 4 colors (400 bulbs, labeled) | 15.50 |
| White, Yellow, Purple, Striped..... | |
| MIXED CROCUS. All colors. | |
| 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$4.00 | |

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We are offering these lovely, early spring flowering Hyacinth bulbs in a wide range of colors. These fragrant flowers are perfect for beds or borders.

EXHIBITION SIZE BULBS

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MIXED HYACINTHS—Bedding Size
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HYACINTH COLLECTION

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| 3 each of 6 colors (18 bulbs, labeled) | \$ 4.75 |
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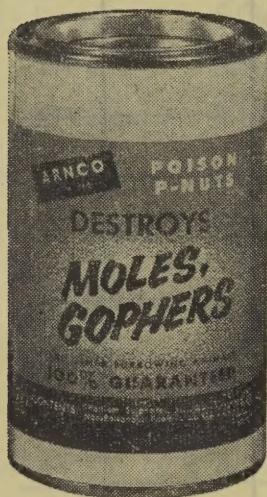
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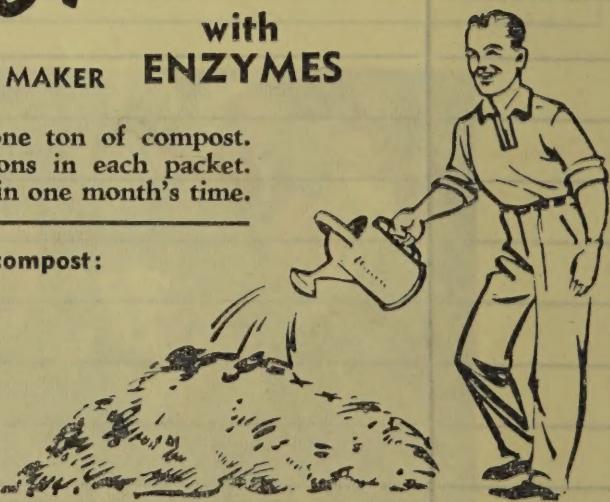
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